

## **Minutes of the Health & Human Services Committee**

**Thursday, February 11, 2010**

Chair Paulson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Present:** Supervisors Duane Paulson (Chair), Kathleen Cummings, Gilbert Yerke, Bill Zaborowski, Pauline Jaske, and Janel Brandtjen. **Absent:** Jim Jeskewitz.

**Also Present:** Legislative Policy Advisors Dave Krahn and Sarah Spaeth, Aging & Disability Resource Center Manager Cathy Bellovary, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Don Maurer, Senior Financial Analysts Clara Daniels and Bill Duckwitz, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Public Health Manager Nancy Healy-Haney, Administrative Services Manager Russ Kutz, and Accounting Services Coordinator Cynthia Lilley. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

### **Approve Minutes of 1-28-10**

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Yerke to approve the minutes of January 28. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Read Correspondence**

Maurer distributed information on Human Services Day at the Capital March 4, 2010. Krahn advised lunch will be provided. Spaeth asked committee members to RSVP by February 17.

### **Schedule Next Meeting Dates**

- February 25 (combined with the Health & Human Services Board)

### **Announcements**

Maurer announced Julie Ausprung has replaced Linda Johnson in his office.

### **Meeting Approvals**

MOTION: Jaske moved, second by Cummings to approve expenses for any committee members wanting to attend Human Services Day at the Capital March 4, 2010. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Ordinance 164-O-074: Repeal And Recreate Section 18-163 By Adding Adverse Determinations Of The Aging And Disability Resource Center And Managed Care Organizations To The List Of Exclusions To County Appeal Process**

Bellovary and Maurer were present to discuss this ordinance as outlined which involves repealing and recreating Section 18-163 of the County Code of Ordinances for clarification purposes. The State-County contract with the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Waukesha County dictates a review process through the State Fair Hearing process for adverse decisions by the ADRC or Managed Care Operations (MCO) under contract with the ADRC.

For informational purposes, Bellovary distributed copies of the Consumer Appeal/Grievances form. Bellovary noted that efforts are made whenever possible by ADRC and MCO staff to resolve issues and avoid the appeals process.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 164-O-074. Motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance 164-O-082: Approve Waukesha County Membership And Participation In The Proposed Marsh Country Health Alliance Commission**

Bellovary, Maurer, and Schuler were present to discuss this ordinance which authorizes County participation in the proposed Marsh Country Health Alliance Commission to address the need for nursing home placements arising out of Adult Protective Services and Guardianship actions. Dodge County has proposed creation of this commission as an alternative to downsizing Clearview Long Term Care and Rehabilitation Center which would significantly and adversely impact the County's ability to appropriately and cost effectively provide for the care and treatment of Waukesha County citizens.

Maurer said the commission is a result from flat Title 19 reimbursement rates which continue to be a problem for counties in the nursing home business. As nursing homes downsize, less choices are available and the result is a higher percentage of Title 19 clients in county nursing homes. This results in less private pay to help balance it out. Waukesha County got out of the nursing home business and began looking for facilities in other counties. The Dodge County facility is a nursing home but also takes behaviorally challenged clients. Counties that take out-of-county clients are losing money and as the percentage of Title 19 clients increase, they are losing even more money.

The County currently has 26 clients placed at the Dodge County facility. Based on the current Assessment Rate proposal using 2004-2008 client days, the County's portion of the cost is estimated to be about \$522,000 or approximately \$55 per day per client. The cost estimate for 2010 is expected to be approximately \$400,000 based on an assumed start date of April 1, 2010. The 2010 budget includes \$255,155 for our clients placed at the Dodge County facility. The department has also requested County Board approval to carryover \$175,000 of expenditure appropriations to the 2010 budget which was funded in 2009 for this same purpose. The estimated daily rate of providing comparable care and placement of each client ranges from \$250 to \$281 per day without Medical Assistance funding. Therefore, the department indicates that the total estimated annual cost for 26 clients could be up to \$2.67 million versus the estimated \$522,000 assuming the County could find sufficient alternative service providers capable of caring for these difficult to place clients.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Jaske to approve Ordinance 164-O-082. Motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance 164-O-089: Appropriate State Of Wisconsin Division Of Public Health Women, Infant And Children Nutrition Program 2010 Grant Funding Increases To The Waukesha County Department Of Health And Human Services**

Kutz advised of an error in the ordinance and asked that it be amended by the committee. The funding source was incorrectly identified as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on line 13. The correct funding source is the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Kutz distributed copies of the ordinance with the proposed amendment and Duckwitz provided copies of the revised fiscal note.

Haney went on to explain this ordinance as outlined which involves accepting \$19,788 in grant funds for breastfeeding counseling and promotional services from January 2010 through December 2010. Haney said \$14,613 will be used to hire Public Health Technicians as temporary extra help including related benefits. The State will provide the necessary training at no charge to the County. The remaining \$5,175 is planned to cover office and other supplies; tuition, training and travel related expenses; promotional costs; and Health & Human Services administrative and County indirect cost recovery. Staff estimate that approximately 1,000 women will be served by the program. Staff plan to continue the program after the grant period ends by using existing trained in-house staff.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Brandtjen to approve Ordinance 164-O-089 as amended. Motion carried 6-0.

**Ordinance 164-O-090: Appropriate Additional Federal Funding For The Birth To Three Program To The 2010 Budget Of The Department Of Health And Human Services**

Maurer said this ordinance involves accepting \$171,290 in federal stimulus funds, of which \$120,040 will be appropriated for additional contracted Birth to Three services from Lutheran Social Services and \$51,250 will be used to offset a federal revenue reduction being passed through to the County from the State.

Funds will be used for early intervention contracted staffing for an educator or therapist who may otherwise have been laid off (\$25,612), contracted Birth to Three Manager partial funding (\$51,000), 25 laptop computers for Lutheran Social Services for the Birth to Three Program (\$30,000), child adolescent needs and strength training (\$8,428), and public awareness, outreach and child screenings (\$5,000).

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Brandtjen to approve Ordinance 164-O-090. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Jaske to adjourn at 2:08 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings  
Secretary